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New Tech Ed Program at Long Beach Has International Technology Standards in Mind

SACRAMENTO – The Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved a new Industrial Technology Education (ITE) subject matter program at its meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2009. The program, offered at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), is the first new ITE subject matter program to be approved since 2005 and one of only three in existence in California.

In creating their ITE program, CSULB used the International Technology Education Association's Technology for All Americans Project as a guideline, as well as the goals of the International Society for Technology in Education. The program has also successfully written to the Commission's subject matter program standards, including subject matter requirements for content knowledge. The primary goal of the CSULB ITE program is the preparation of teacher candidates to provide California K-12 students with an education that includes technology literacy.

At a minimum, ITE subject matter graduates will have an understanding of how contemporary issues shape, and are shaped, by technology. They will have the ability to identify, use, and design electronic curriculum that meets state education standards and national technology standards. Finally, graduates will have explored and familiarized themselves with the International Society for Technology in Education goals for the educational use of technology.